IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (Previously Presented)   A method for tokenless authorization of an electronic scrip transaction using at least one scrip supporter biometric sample, said method comprising the steps of:

a.   receiving a scrip supporter bid biometric sample and scrip donator identification information;

b.   comparing the scrip supporter bid biometric sample with at least one registration biometric sample received from a scrip supporter;

c.   upon successful comparison, settling a scrip transaction by debiting an account of a scrip donator identified by the scrip donator identification information and crediting an account of a scrip beneficiary;

wherein the method occurs without a scrip supporter presenting any smartcards or magnetic swipe cards at a transaction point.

2.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1 wherein receiving a scrip supporter bid biometric sample includes receiving a personal identification code.

3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 2, wherein the personal identification code can be associated with a plurality of registration biometric samples received from a plurality of scrip supporters.

5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 4, wherein comparing the scrip supporter bid biometric sample with the at least one registration biometric sample includes comparing the scrip support bid biometric sample against registered biometric samples associated with the personal identification code until a successful comparison is found.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, wherein the scrip donator identification information includes a hardware identification code associated with a party data apparatus owned by the scrip donator.

8-15.   (Canceled)

16.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising determining whether a scrip donator account has sufficient resources to be debited for an amount associated with the scrip transaction.

17-21.   (Canceled)

22.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one scrip supporter registration biometric sample is drawn from a set including: a fingerprint, a retinal scan, an iris scan, a voice print, a facial scan.

23-44.   (Canceled)

45.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 2, wherein the personal identification code is unique to the scrip supporter.

46.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 45, wherein comparing the bid biometric sample utilizes the personal identification code to locate the at least one registration biometric sample.

47.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving the at least one registration biometric sample from the scrip supporter.

48.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 47, wherein receiving the at least one registration biometric sample includes:
    receiving a personal identification code from the scrip supporter; and

associating the at least one registration biometric sample with the personal identification code.